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- Tom Clark
- Jack Walsh
- Charles Connor

- Tom Clark is the contractor who is putting up the "Berlin Wall" at the Fire House (Main St. + 6th Ave.). As I was taking down the weekly fire report on Friday morning he came in and introduced himself and said that he reads my articles in the NEWS and that he enjoys them and that he particularly enjoyed the one on George H. Tryon-- a fellow contractor. Very friendly, affable fellow. Red Hair.
- Jack Walsh introduced himself to me in City Hall the same day. I was in seeing Masses about a new fence in Memorial Park and Walsh was there for some reason or another. He told me that he used to work at the Russell Dairy with HLRP; he worked, specifically, at 99 N. Church (at the store) and then he said that there used to be a Russell's store at 87 South Main Street (beside the Knights of Columbus building). He said that 87 South Main used to be Frank Kelly's grocery store at one time. All this was completely new to me. No one has ever mentioned that store to me. I asked HLRP on Friday if she recalls a Russell's ice cream store at 87 South Main and she did not remember one. "The only thing that I can say is that maybe Russell's had a store at 87 South Main for a little while before one of the other stores opened. Maybe the 87 South Main Street store was the predecessor of the 11 South Main Street store."
- Charles Connor. Rosemary asked me on Friday if I knew Charles Connor. She had heard from several people that he is apparently "a real authority on Carbondale history". He is a young man and he is reported to have a great deal of information at his command. I shall have to find out who this fellow is. John may know him or of him, as might Tomaine.

230-330PM - 9/17/83 - walked out to Russell's; on the way out Bob Stephens (6th Avenue) stopped ^{in his car} and said: "Robert, are you walking because you want to or do you need a ride?" "Because I want to," said I. I thanked him for the offer and off he went. I was near the Fallbrook Reservoir at the time. There was a great deal of activity